



NJ BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT OF WIND TURBINE FACILITIES IN COASTAL WATERS

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Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Blue Ribbon Panel?

The Blue Ribbon Panel was appointed by Governor Codey to examine the costs and benefits associated with development of wind turbine facilities in New Jersey's coastal waters and to make recommendations to the Governor as to their necessity. The framework for the Panel, and its membership, was outlined in Executive Order #12, dated December 23, 2004.

What was Specified in Executive Order #12?

Executive Order #12 prohibits BPU funding and DEP permitting of any offshore windmill projects during the Blue Ribbon Panel's 15-month study. The Panel's membership includes nine members—six appointed by the Governor from among persons representing environmental, academic, tourism and local government interests; and also includes the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the President of the Board of Public Utilities, and the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission.

Who Are the Members of the Blue Ribbon Panel?

Six Public Members:

Edward J. McKenna, Jr., Mayor of Red Bank and a member of the State Planning Commission. Mr. McKenna will chair the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Timothy P. Dillingham, of Hopewell, Executive Director of the American Littoral Society, and former Director of the New Jersey Sierra Club.

Theodore J. Korth, of Bordentown, Director of Policy for the New Jersey Audubon Society, and former Program Manager for Law and Policy at the Pinelands Preservation Alliance.

Bonnie J. McCay, Ph.D., a Rutgers Board of Governors Distinguished Service professor at Cook College. She is currently Vice Chair of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Commerce and Department of Interior.



Diane Wieland of Cape May Courthouse, Director of the Cape May County Department of Tourism, Chair of the Southern Shore Regional Tourism Council, and member of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council.

Scott A. Weiner, Director of the Center for Energy, Economic and Environmental Policy at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers. He is a former Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and President of the Board of Public Utilities.

Three Ex-Officio Voting Members

Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Jeanne Fox, President of the Board of Public Utilities.

Virginia S. Bauer, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission.

What is the Panel's Purpose?

The Panel is charged with researching the economic and environmental costs and benefits of offshore wind turbine facilities as an alternate energy source for the State of New Jersey. The Blue Ribbon Panel will also consider the necessity of offshore wind turbines in light of other available power sources, including fossil, nuclear and

renewable fuels as part of the State's long-term electricity needs. The Panel will not specifically consider the siting or permitting of any potential wind turbine facilities. These decisions are beyond the scope of the Panel's mission and would be addressed by existing regulatory agencies. The Panel will submit to the Governor, by March 2006, a report containing policy recommendations regarding the appropriateness and necessity of developing wind turbine facilities in New Jersey's coastal waters.

What is the Schedule of Upcoming?

In the coming months, the Blue Ribbon Panel will hold four public meetings, one each in Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties. For more information, please visit the Panel's website, www.njwindpanel.org.

Where Can the Public Get More Information or Submit Comments to the Blue Ribbon Panel?

To review updates on the work of the Panel or to submit comments, interested members of the public can get more information at, www.njwindpanel.org.

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